COURAGE 2 REPORT

Monthly Statistic Report
February 2026

February School Violence Data Review

- **Courage2Report received a total of 151 tip submissions in January**

Top 3 tip types:

1. **Bullying - Repeated Harassment** 24
2. **School Shooting Threat** 18
3. **Threat to Kill** 11

All Others:

Assault - Physical	9	Self-Harm	4	Bomb Threat	1
Suicide Threats - Concern for Someone Else	9	Harassment	3	Bus Safety - NON EMERGENCY	1
Child Abuse or Neglect - Past Incident	8	Sexual Offense	3	Complaint Against School Policy/Procedure	1
Assault - Verbal	8	Suspicious Activity	3	Distribution of Inappropriate Photos	1
Drugs	7	Bullycide	2	Human Trafficking	1
Guns	7	Child Abuse or Neglect - Just Now or Soon	2	Inappropriate/Unwanted Touching	1
Inappropriate Communication From Staff	5	Depression / Anxiety	2	Planned School Attack	1
Other	5	Knife	2	PRANK/FAKE	1
Cyber Bullying	4	Transferred to Other P3 Account	2	Test Tip	1
Duplicate Tip	4				

Bullying – Repeated Harassment was the most frequently submitted tip this month. The top three categories are consistent with what we typically see.

In February, we received a broad range of tips, with 28 different event types reported. It is uncommon for us to receive Human Trafficking or PRANK/FAKE Tips.

Courage2Report Success Story – Averted School Attack

Incident

The incident involved a threat that was made against students at a school in a social media post.

Response

This tip came into the system as a Planned School Attack, which is categorized as a life safety tip. With this categorization, C2R analysts immediately notify school administration as well as local law enforcement. Our team then worked to locate the threat on social media and build a threat assessment analysis of the individual making threats. This information was provided to the law enforcement team to help them locate the individual.

Resolution

Courage2Report coordinated with local law enforcement, and together we were able to identify who the individual making the threats. Law enforcement contacted the individual and conducted a threat assessment with the individual.

This ultimately led to the arrest of the individual, successfully addressing the safety concern for the students and school staff.

School Safety Report Highlight – Suicidal Behavior in Preteens

There has been a noticeable rise in juveniles reporting suicidal thoughts and feelings of hopelessness. According to the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, prevalent feelings of hopelessness increased by approximately 25% from 2013 to 2023, and suicide attempts rose by 16% during the same period.

Tony Salvatore, M.A., provided an analysis of preteen suicidal behavior to help law enforcement better recognize how this issue presents in youth. His guidance emphasizes that juveniles expressing suicidal thoughts, making threats, or exhibiting behaviors indicating immediate danger should receive a comprehensive evaluation to assess their level of risk.

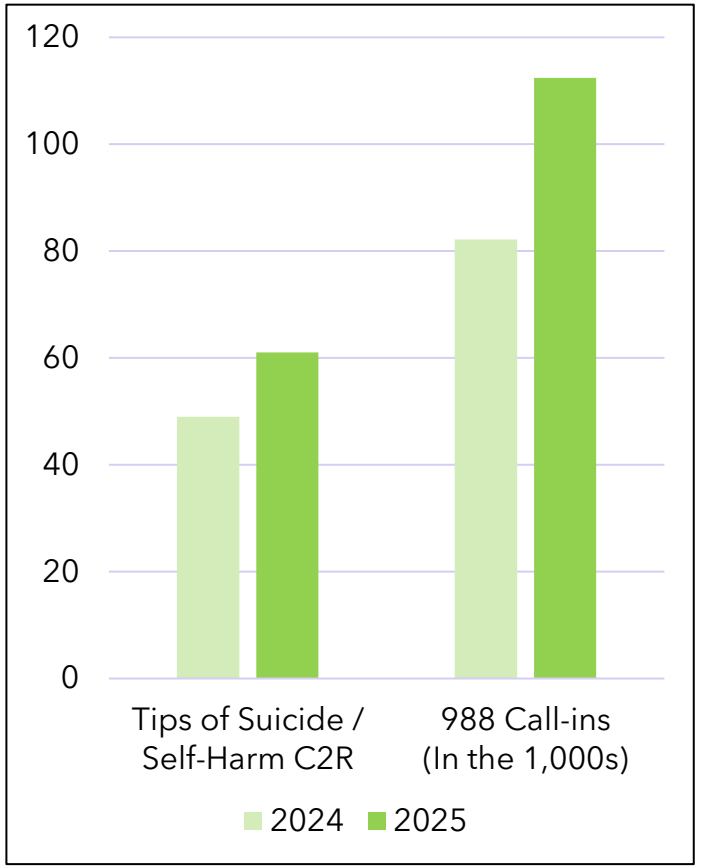
Tony Salvatore also included the Suicidal Risk Screening Tool, developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institute of Mental Health, to help identify individuals who may be at risk for suicide. To access the tool, Click Here

Courage2Report contacted 988 for Missouri. We identified a similar trend as Mr. Salvatore within Missouri for the last two years.

988 received 82,202 calls in 2024 and 112,418 calls in 2025. This translates to around a 27% increase in calls received.

C2R received 49 tips for Suicide Threats or Self-Harm in 2024 and 61 tips for these events in 2025. This is a 20% increase in concerning suicidal actions.

In the event of a student being in crisis, please immediately contact 988.



Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System - CDC

Suicidal Behavior in Preteens – Law Enforcement Bulletin

January 2026

Resources/Trainings

MSBA CES – School Safety Academy

Missouri School Board Association hosts a School Safety Academy to certify individuals as School Safety Specialists. A training is planned for June 15th – 17th.

Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policies, Programs, and Practice

A select group of strategies based on the best available evidence to help communities and states sharpen their focus on prevention activities

Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals

This training is intended to provide school administrators and nurses with a systematic approach to recognizing and evaluating individuals impaired by drugs.

Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Families and Educators

A guide to help children and youth feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security, reinforcing natural resilience, and talking with them about their fears.

Where We've Been, Where We're Going!

Past:

- 02/23/26 – 02/25/26 - Missouri School Boards' Association's Center for Education Safety (CES) School Safety Academy – Columbia
- 02/25/26 – 02/28/26 - MSHSAA Wrestling Championships – Columbia
- 03/11/26 – 03/14/26 - MSHSAA Basketball Championships – Columbia
- 03/18/26 – 03/21/26 - MSHSAA Basketball Championships – Columbia

Upcoming:

- 04/30/26 – 05/02/26 – MSHSAA Music Festival – Columbia
- 05/07/26 – Children's Mental Health Day - Mexico
- 05/08/26 – 05/09/26 – MSHSAA Scholar Bowl – Columbia
- 05/22/26 – 05/23/26 – MSHSAA Track and Field – Jefferson City
- 05/29/26 – 05/30/26 – MSHSAA Track and Field – Jefferson City

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- Bookmarks
- Brochures
- Pencils
- Pens
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- Pop Sockets
- Lanyards
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- Coasters

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